

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 - 5 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A railway car drive system comprising:

a first railway car mounting a power generation means, a power converter and a driving motor; and

a second railway car mounting a power converter and a driving motor using said power generation means as a power source;

wherein a power storage means is mounted on either said first or said second railway car, or both said first and second railway cars, said power storage means storing both the power generated by said power generation means and a regenerative power obtained during braking of said train, or storing either the power generated by said power generation means or the regenerative power, and driving said driving motor via said power converter using a power source either both said power generation means and said power storage means or only said power storage means, to drive a train;

a third railway car mounting power storage means, to thereby increase the capacity of the power storage means of said railway car drive system; and

a power management means for controlling the power generated by said power generation means and the storage quantity of said power storage means so as to minimize the power capacity of said power generation means, said power

management means being disposed in every car so as to control each said power generation means and said power storage means independently.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

6. (original) The railway car drive system according to claim 1, wherein said power storage means is a chargeable-dischargeable battery.

7. (original) The railway car drive system according to claim 1, wherein said power storage means is a capacitor or a flywheel.